



Agenda Report

May 12, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH AMERON POLES CARE OF PACIFIC LIGHTING SALES, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF CONCRETE STREET LIGHTING POLES FOR PARK SECURITY LIGHTING PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$152,000

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule;
2. Neither competitive bidding nor competitive selection is required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (C), and Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with Ameron Poles c/o Pacific Lighting Sales, Inc., for the purchase of concrete street lighting poles for an amount not to exceed \$152,000.

BACKGROUND:

Ameron street lighting concrete poles have been the City standard for more than 25 years and are installed throughout the City. Ameron poles are pre-stressed concrete with steel cables for maximum durability and exceed the Department of Public Works design standards. Standard and custom models are available enabling the City to meet the aesthetic needs of City business districts and neighborhoods.

The City needs to purchase 59 poles in two different designs for the Park Security Lighting project, which includes McDonald, La Pintoresca and Eaton Blanche Parks. This project is part of the Replacement or Installation of Security Lights – Various Locations project, which is included in the adopted FY 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program. Twenty poles will be used for McDonald Park; 18 poles for La Pintoresca

Park; and 21 poles for Eaton Blanche Park. The Department of Public Works anticipates that the poles will be installed in September 2014.

The Department of Public Works has met with numerous vendor and manufacturer representatives to determine whether the firms can manufacture concrete poles comparable to or of better quality than Ameron poles. None of the vendors or manufacturers showed interest because the effort to manufacture poles equivalent to Ameron products is cost prohibitive.

Pacific Lighting Sales, Inc., located in Lake Forest, California, is the sole distributor for Ameron poles in the Southern California region. Based on the satisfactory performance of Ameron poles as outlined above and the fact that Pacific Lighting Sales is the sole distributor for Ameron poles in Southern California, the Department of Public Works recommends that Pacific Lighting Sales, Inc. be granted a sole source exemption as the City's best interests are served with a direct contract award.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the City Council's strategic goals to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure and to ensure public safety throughout the City of Pasadena.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed contract has been determined to be exempt from the CEQA process pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The proposed contract herein will not have a potentially significant effect on the environment and therefore falls under this "general rule" exemption to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this purchase order contract will not exceed \$152,000. Funding for this action will be addressed by utilization of existing budgeted Residential Impact Fees in the Replacement or Installation of Security Lights – Various Locations CIP project (Budget Account 78901). It is anticipated that the expenses will be incurred during FY 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



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